

**Deterioration in Primary Education**

**†305. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:**

**SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has conducted a national level survey and brought out the fact that level of primary education in the country has been deteriorating;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than 50 per cent students drop their studies after passing fifth class; and

(d) if not, what is Government's assessment in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) No such national survey has been conducted by NCERT recently.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Gross Drop out rates in Class I—V for the year 1998-99 (provisional) was 39.74% as per the Annual Report of the Department, 1999-2000.

**Welfare Schemes for Women and Children**

**†306. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 707, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government have allocated any funds to States for implementation of schemes for Welfare of Women and Children in various States of the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the allocated and sanctioned amount has been utilized.

(d) if not, the reasons therefore; and

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